

This week, I [joined several other representatives](#) in urging President Obama to promptly reverse the State Department's recent decision to delay approval for the construction of the Keystone XL Pipeline until 2013. The proposed pipeline would move up to 1.1 million barrels of crude oil per day from Canada to refineries in Texas—roughly the same amount of oil we import from the socialist regime in Venezuela. It would help stabilize our oil supply while creating thousands of jobs for American manufacturers and construction workers. The State Department must approve the application for the pipeline because it crosses the U.S.–Canadian border.

I believe moving forward with this project is a commonsense step toward strengthening both our energy security and our economy. Unfortunately, the State Department yielded to political pressure from groups that oppose the project. Its decision was made despite the fact that the pipeline has undergone extensive environmental impact studies and expert scientific review, and suggests that the Obama Administration is out of touch with American families and small businesses who are struggling with high energy prices and a sluggish economy. Accordingly, I believe the President should intercede immediately and instruct the State Department to approve the pipeline's application without any further delays.